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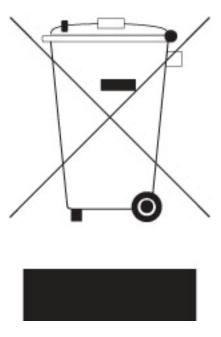


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Item Checklist

✓ Motherboard

✓ Cable(s)

☑ CD for motherboard utilities

Motherboard User's Manual

✓ Back panel

Chapter 1

Introduction of the Motherboard

1-1 Feature of motherboard

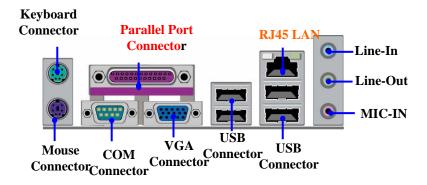
- * Intel 945GC chipset and ICH7 chipset.
- * Onboard Intel ATOM CPU, with low power consumption never denies high performance.
- * Support FSB 533MHz.
- * Support DDRII 400/533MHz up to 2GB.
- * Onboard RTL 8102E Megabit Ethernet LAN (only for NC91-230-LF).
- * Onboard RTL 8111C Gigabit Ethernet LAN (only for NC91-330-LF).
- * Integrated Realtek ALC662 6-Channel Audio CODEC.
- * Support USB2.0 data transport demands .

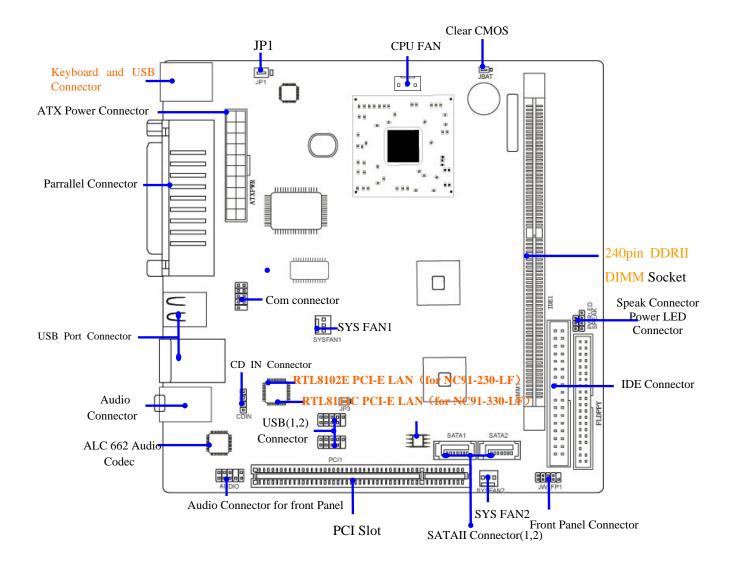
1-2 Specification

Spec	Description		
Design	* Mini ITX form factor 4 layers PCB size: 17.0x17.0cm		
Chipset	* Intel 945GC Northbridge chipset		
	* Intel 82801G Southbridge chipset		
Embedded CPU	* Support FSB533		
Embedded CI C	* Low Power Consumption		
	* ATOM CPU		
	* 240-pin DDRII DIMM socket x1		
Memory Socket	* Support DDRII 400MHz /DDRII 533MHz system Modules DDR		
Wiemory Bocket	memory		
	* Expandable to 2GB.		
Expansion Slots	* 32-bit PCI slot x 1pcs		
	* One PCI IDE controller that supports PCI Bus Mastering, ATA		
Integrate IDE	PIO/DMA and the ULTRA DMA 133/100/66 functions that		
	deliver the data transfer rate up to 100 MB/s;		
	* Integrated Realtek RTL8111C PCI-E LAN (only for		
	NC91-330-LF).		
	* Support Fast Ethernet LAN function of providing		
TANT	10Mb/100Mb/1000Mb (only for NC91-330-LF)Ethernet data		
LAN	transfer rate		
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	(only for the 71-250-Er) Eulernet data transfer rate		

Audio	 * Realtek ALC662 6 channel Audio Codec integrated * Audio driver and utility included
BIOS	* Award 8MB SPI Flash ROM

1-3 Layout Diagram & Jumper Setting





Jumper

Jumper	Name	Description	Page
JBAT	CMOS RAM Clear Function Setting	3-pin Block	p.6
JP1	KB/USB Power On Function Setting	3-pin Block	P.6
JP3	USB1/2 Power On Function Setting	3-pin Block	P.7

Connectors

Connector	Name	Description	Page
USB1,USB2	USB Port Connector	4-pin Connector	p.7
UL3	RJ45 LAN Connector		p.7
VGA CN	VGA Port Connector	D-sub15-pin Female	p.7
CN4	Line-Out /MIC/Line-In Audio Connector	3 Phone Jack	p.7
PS2 KB/MS	PS2 Keyboard & Mouse Connector		p.7
SATA1,2	Serial ATA Connectors		p.7

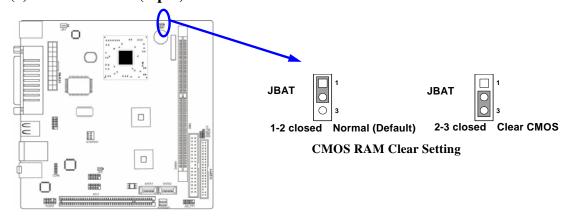
Headers

Header	Name	Description	Page
USB1,USB2	USB2.0 Port Headers	9-pin Block	p.8
IDE	40-Pin IDE Connector	40-pin IDE Block	p.8
CPUFAN, SFAN1/2	FAN Speed Headers	3-pin Block	P.11
JW_FP1 (PWR LED/ IDE LED/ /Power Button /Reset)	Front Panel Headers (PWR LED/ IDE LED/ /Power Button /Reset)	9-pin Block	P.9

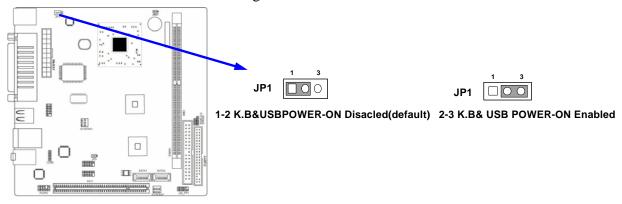
Chapter 2

2-1 Jumper Setting

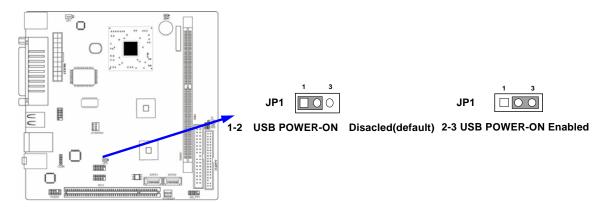
(1) Clear CMOS (3-pin): JBAT



(2) JP1 KB/USB Power On Function Setting

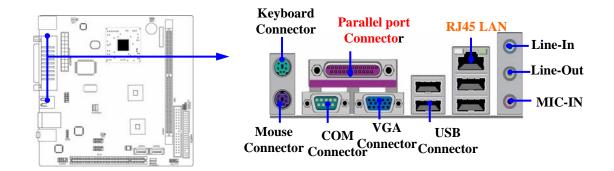


(3) JP3 USB1/2 Power On Function Setting



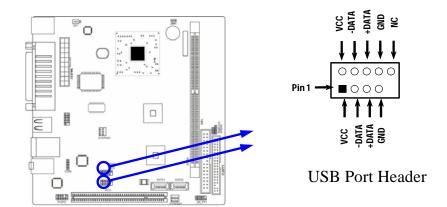
2-2 Connectors and Headers

2-2-1 Connectors

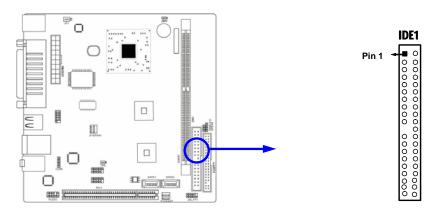


2-5-2 Headers

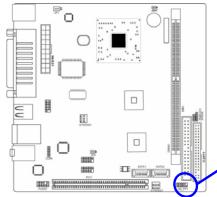
(1) USB Port Headers (9-pin):



(2)IDE Connector:



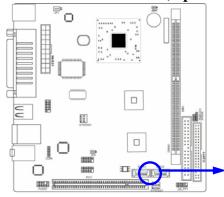
(3) Power switch: FRONT PANEL





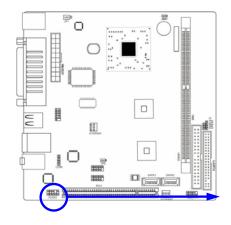
System Case Connections

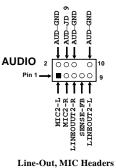
(4) Serial ATA Connector (7-pin female): SATAII1/SATAII2



(5) Line-Out, MIC-In Header (9-pin): AUDIO for front Panel

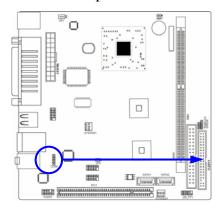
This header connects to Front Panel Line-out, MIC-In connector with cable.





(6) CD Audio-In Headers (4-pin): CDIN

CDIN are the connectors for CD-Audio Input signal. Please connect it to CD-ROM CD-Audio output connector.

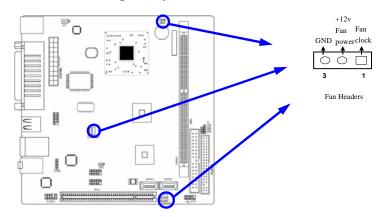




CD Audio-In Headers

(7) FAN Speed Headers (3-pin): CPUFAN, SFAN1/SFAN2

These connectors support cooling fans of 350mA (4.2 Watts) or less, depending on the fan manufacturer, the wire and plug may be different. The red wire should be positive, while the black should be ground. Connect the fan's plug to the board taking into consideration the polarity of connector.



Chapter 3

Introducing BIOS

The BIOS is a program located on a Flash Memory on the motherboard. This program is a bridge between motherboard and operating system. When you start the computer, the BIOS program will gain control. The BIOS first operates an auto-diagnostic test called POST (power on self test) for all the necessary hardware, it detects the entire hardware device and configures the parameters of the hardware synchronization. Only when these tasks are completed done it gives up control of the computer to operating system (OS). Since the BIOS is the only channel for hardware and software to communicate, it is the key factor for system stability, and in ensuring that your system performance as its best.

In the BIOS Setup main menu of Figure 3-1, you can see several options. We will explain these options step by step in the following pages of this chapter, but let us first see a short description of the function keys you may use here:

- Press <Esc> to quit the BIOS Setup.
- Press $\uparrow \downarrow \leftarrow \rightarrow$ (up, down, left, right) to choose, in the main menu, the option you want to confirm or to modify.
- Press <F10> when you have completed the setup of BIOS parameters to save these parameters and to exit the BIOS Setup menu.
- Press Page Up/Page Down or +/- keys when you want to modify the BIOS parameters for the active option.

3-1 Entering Setup

Power on the computer and by pressing immediately allows you to enter Setup.

If the message disappears before your respond and you still wish to enter Setup, restart the system to try again by turning it OFF then ON or pressing the "RESET" button on the system case. You may also restart by simultaneously pressing <Ctrl>, <Alt> and <Delete> keys. If you do not press the keys at the correct time and the system does not boot, an error message will be displayed and you will again be asked to

Press <F1> to continue, <Ctrl-Alt-Esc> or to enter Setup

3-2 Getting Help

Main Menu

The on-line description of the highlighted setup function is displayed at the bottom of the screen.

Status Page Setup Menu/Option Page Setup Menu

Press F1 to pop up a small help window that describes the appropriate keys to use and the possible selections for the highlighted item. To exit the Help Window, press <Esc>.

3-3 The Main Menu

Once you enter Award® BIOS CMOS Setup Utility, the Main Menu (Figure 3-1) will appear on the screen. The Main Menu allows you to select from fourteen setup functions and two exit choices. Use arrow keys to select among the items and press <Enter> to accept or enter the sub-menu.

Phoenix - AwardBIOS CMOS Setup Utility

Miscellaneous Control Standard CMOS Features Load Optimized Defaults Advanced BIOS Features Load standard Defaults Advanced Chipset Features Set Supervisor password Integrated Peripherals Set user password Power Management Setup Save & Exit Setup PnP/PCI Configurations Exit Without Saving PC Health Status $\uparrow \downarrow \rightarrow \leftarrow$: Select Item Esc: Quit F9: Menu in BIOS F10 : Save & Exit Setup

Figure 3-1

Standard CMOS Features

Use this Menu for basic system configurations.

Advanced BIOS Features

Use this menu to set the Advanced Features available on your system.

Advanced Chipset Features

Use this menu to change the values in the chipset registers and optimize your system's performance.

Integrated Peripherals

Use this menu to specify your settings for integrated peripherals.

Power Management Setup

Use this menu to specify your settings for power management.

Miscellaneous Control

Use this menu to specify your settings for Miscellaneous Control.

PC Health Status

This entry shows your PC health status.

Power User Overclock Settings

Use this menu to specify your settings (frequency, Voltage) for overclocking demand

CPU Thermal Throttling Setting

The selection is set for activating the active CPU Thermal Protection by flexible CPU loading adjustment in the arrange of temperature you define.

Load Optimized Defaults

Use this menu to load the BIOS default values these are setting for optimal performances system operations for performance use.

Password Settings

This entry for setting Supervisor password and User password

Save & Exit Setup

Save CMOS value changes to CMOS and exit setup.

Exit Without Saving

Abandon all CMOS value changes and exit setup.

3-4 Advanced BIOS Features

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Advanced BIOS Features

Virus Warning	Disabled	
CPU L3 Cache	Enabled	Item Help
CPU Feature	Press Enter	
Hard Disk Boot Priority	Press Enter	
Hyper-Threading Technology	Enabled	Menu Level >
Quick power on self Test	Enabled	
First Boot Device	Removable	
Second Boot Device	Hard Disk	
Third Boot Device	CDROM	
Boot other Device	Enabled	
Boot other Device	Enabled	
Boot Up NumLock Status	On	
Typematic Rate Setting	Disabled	
Typematic Rate (Chars/Sec)	6	
Typematic Delay (Msec)	250	
Security Option	Setup	
APIC Mode	Enabled	
MPS Version Control For OS	1.4	
OS Select For DRAM > 64MB	Non-OS2	
HDD S.M.A.R.T. Capability	Disabled	
Report No FDD For windows	Yes	
Limit CPULD Maxval	Disabled	
C1E Function	Enabled	
Execute Disabled Bit	Enabled	
↑↓→← Move Enter:Select	+/-/PU/PD:Value F10:Save I	ESC:Exit F1:General Help
F5:Previous Values	F6:Optimized Defaults	F7:Standard Defaults

Hard Disk Boot Priority

The selection is for you to choose the hard disk drives priorities to boot from.

Virus Warning

The selection Allow you to choose the VIRUS Warning feature for IDE Hard Disk boot sector protection. If this function is enabled and someone attempt to write data into this area, BIOS will show a warning message on screen and alarm beep.

Disabled (default) No warning message to appear when anything attempts to access the

boot sector or hard disk partition table.

Enabled Activates automatically when the system boots up causing a warning

message to appear when anything attempts to access the boot sector

of hard disk partition table.

CPU Internal Cache

The default value is Enabled.

Enabled (default) Enable cache
Disabled Disable cache

Note: The internal cache is built in the processor.

External Cache

Choose Enabled or Disabled. This option enables the Level 2 cache memory.

Quick Power On Self-Test

This category speeds up Power On Self Test (POST) after you power on the computer. If this is set to Enabled, BIOS will shorten or skip some check items during POST.

Enabled (default) Enable quick POST **Disabled** Normal POST

First/Second/Third Boot Device

The BIOS attempts to load the operating system from the devices in the sequence selected in these items. The settings are Floppy, LS/ZIP, HDD-0/HDD-1/HDD-3, SCSI, CDROM, LAD and Disabled.

Boot Up Floppy Seek

During POST, BIOS will determine if the floppy disk drive installed is 40 or 80 tracks. 360K type is 40 tracks while 760K, 1.2M and 1.44M are all 80 tracks.

Boot Up NumLock Status

The default value is On.

On (default) Keypad is numeric keys.

Off Keypad is arrow keys.

Gate A20 Option

Normal The A20 signal is controlled by keyboard controller or chipset hardware.

Fast (default) The A20 signal is controlled by port 92 or chipset specific method.

Typematic Rate Setting

Keystrokes repeat at a rate determined by the keyboard controller. When enabled, the typematic rate and typematic delay can be selected. The settings are: Enabled/Disabled.

Typematic Rate (Chars/Sec)

Sets the number of times a second to repeat a keystroke when you hold the key down. The settings are: 6, 8, 10, 12, 15, 20, 24, and 30.

Typematic Delay (Msec)

Sets the delay time after the key is held down before beginning to repeat the keystroke. The settings are 250, 500, 750, and 1000.

Security Option

This category allows you to limit access to the system and Setup, or just to Setup.

System The system will not boot and access to Setup will be denied if the

correct password is not entered at the prompt.

Setup (default) The system will boot, but access to Setup will be denied if the correct

password is not entered prompt.

HDD S.M.A.R.T Capability

This option allow you to enable the HDD S.M.A.R.T Capability (Self-Monitoring, Analysis and Reporting Technology). You can choose from Enabled and Disabled.

MPS Version Control For OS 1.4

This option is only valid for multiprocessor motherboards as it specifies the version of the Multiprocessor Specification (MPS) that the motherboard will use.

OS Select For DRAM > 64MB

Allows $OS2^{\textcircled{R}}$ to be used with >64MB or DRAM. Settings are Non-OS/2 (default) and OS2. Set to OS/2 if using more than 64MB and running OS/2 $^{\textcircled{R}}$.

3-5 Intergrated peripherals

Phoenix - AwardBIOS CMOS Setup Utility
Intergrated peripheral

Onboard IDE Function	Press Enter	
Onboard Device Function	Press Enter	Item Help
Onboard Superio Funtion	Press Enter	
PWR Status after PWE Failure	Press Enter	
Init Display First	PCI Slot	Menu Level >>
$\uparrow \downarrow \rightarrow \leftarrow$ Move Enter:Select +	-/-/PU/PD:Value F10:Save	ESC:Exit F1:General Help
F5:Previous Values	F6:Optimized Defaults	F7:Standard Defaults

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OnBoard Device Function

Onboard PCIE Lan Controller	Auto	_
Onboard PCIE LAN Bootrom	Disabled	Item Help
High Definition Audio	Enabled	
USB Host Controller	Enabled	Menu Level >>
USB 2.0 Function	Enabled	
USB keyboard Legacy Support	Disabled	
USB Mouse Legacy Support	Enabled	
↑↓→← Move Enter:Select +/-/P F5:Previous Values F6:Op		_

Onboard HD Audio

This item allows you to decide to enable/disable the chipset family to support HD Audio. The settings are: Enabled, Disabled.

Onboard PCIE LAN Bootrom

Decide whether to invoke the boot ROM of the onboard LAN chip.

3-6 PC Health Status

This section shows the Status of you CPU, Fan, and Warning for overall system status. This is only available if there is Hardware Monitor onboard.

Phoenix - AwardBIOS CMOS Setup Utility
PC Health Status

Shutdown Temperature	Enabled	
CPU Thermal-Throttling	Press Enter	Item Help
CPU Thermal-Throttling Tem	p 70℃	
CPU Thermal-Throttling Duty	y 50.00%	
CPU Thermal-Throttling Bee	p Enabled	Menu Level >
Show PCHealth in Post	Enabled	
Smart fan configurations	Press Enter	
VCC 3V	3.42V	
Vcore	1.10V	
+1.5V	1.51V	
+5V	4.96V	
+12V	12.14V	
5VSB	5.08V	
VDIM	1.84V	
VBAT	3.17V	
CPU Temperature	67°C/152F	
SYS Temperature	44°C/113F	
CPUFAN Speed	0 RPM	
↑↓→← Move Enter:Select	+/-/PU/PD:Value F10:Save H	ESC:Exit F1:General Help
F5:Previous Values	F6:Optimized Defaults	F7:Standard Defaults

Show PC Health in Post

During Enabled, it displays information list below. The choice is either Enabled or Disabled

CPU Smart FAN Configurations

CPU Full-Speed Temp

This item allows you setting the FAN works in full speed when the temperature over the value which out set. If the temperature below the value but over the Idle Temperature, the FAN will works over 60% of full speed, and the higher temperature will gain higher FAN speed, after over the temperature which this item setting, the FAN works in full speed. CPU Idle Temp

This item allows you setting the FAN works in 60% of full speed, when the temperature lower than the temperature which you setting.

Current CPU Temperature/Current System Temp/Current FAN1, FAN2 Speed/Vcore/Vdd/3.3V/+5V/+12V/-12V/VBAT(V)/5VSB(V)

This will show the CPU/FAN/System voltage chart and FAN Speed.

SFAN Smart Mode:

There are three choose, Disabled, Formula 1, Formula 2.

Disabled: Fan setting full speed.

Formula 1: Fan working low speed, under temperature 2.

Formula 2: Fan stop when under temperature 2.

3-7 Power Management Setup

The Power Management Setup allows you to configure your system to most effectively save energy saving while operating in a manner consistent with your own style of computer use.

Phoenix - AwardBIOS CMOS Setup Utility

Power Management Setup

ACPI function	Enabled	
Power Management	User Define	Item Help
Video off Method	V/H SYNC + BlANK	2000 2002
Video off in Suspend	Yes	
Suspend Type	Stop Grant	_
Modem USE IRQ	3	Menu Level >
Suspend Mode	Disabled	
HDD Power Down	Disabled	
Soft-OFF by PWRBTN	Instant off	
Wake-up by PCI Card	Disabled	
	Disabled	
Wake-up by USB KB from S4	Disabled	
PS2 KB/MS Wake-up from s4-s5	Disabled	
Resume by alarm	Disabled	
Date of month alarm	0	
Time(hh:mm:ss) alarm	0:0:0	
PM Timer Reload Events	Press Enter	
PCI Express PM Function	Press Enter	
↑↓→← Move Enter:Select +/-/	PU/PD:Value F10:Save F	SC:Exit F1:General Help
F5:Previous Values F6	:Optimized Defaults B	7:Standard Defaults

ACPI Function

This item allows you to Enabled/Disabled the Advanced Configuration and Power Management (ACPI). The settings are Enabled and Disabled.

HDD Power Down (Disabled)

The IDE hard drive will spin down if it is not accessed within a specified length of time. Options are from 1 Min to 15 Min and Disable.

Video Off Method

This determines the manner in which the monitor is blanked.

DPMS (**default**) Initial display power management signaling.

Blank Screen This option only writes blanks to the video buffer.

V/H SYNC+Blank This selection will cause the system to turn off the vertical and horizontal synchronization ports and write blanks to the video buffer.

.MODEM Use IRQ

If you want an incoming call on a modem to automatically resume the system from a power-saving mode, use this item to specify the interrupt request line (IRQ) that is used by the modem. You might have to connect the fax/modem to the motherboard Wake On Modem connector for this feature to work.

Soft-Off by PWRBTN

Under ACPI (Advanced Configuration and Power management Interface) you can create a software power down. In a software power down, the system can be resumed by Wake up Alarms. This item lets you install a software power down that is controlled by the power Button on your system. If the item is set to Instant-Off, then the power button causes a software power down. If the item is set to Delay 4 Sec, then you have to hold the power button down for four seconds to cause a software power down.

RTC Alarm Resume

When set to Enabled, additional fields become available and you can set the date (day of the month), hour, minute and second to turn on your system. When set to 0 (zero) for the day of the month, the alarm will power on your system every day at the specified time.

Date (of month)

You can choose which month the system will boot up. Set to 0, to boot every day.

Time (hh:mm:ss)

You can choose what hour, minute and second the system will boot up.

Note: If you have change the setting, you must let the system boot up until it goes to the operating system, before this function will work.

3-8 Miscellaneous Configuration Phoenix - AwardBIOS CMOS Setup Utility

Miscellaneous Control

Auto Detect PCI Clock	Disabled	
Spread Spectrum	Disabled	Item Help
Current Host/PCI Clock is 133/33MHz		
Host/PCI Clock at Next Boot	133/33MHz	
Current DRAM Clock is 533MHz		Menu Level >
DRAM Clock at next Boot	BY SPD(DDR 533)	
CPU Vcore 7-shift	Normal	
VCC 1.05 Select	1.067v(default)	
NB VCCP Select	1.1213v(default)	
SB VCC Select	1.5080v(default)	
VCC 2.5V Select	2.5021v(default)	
VDIMM Select	1.863v(default)	
↑↓→← Move Enter:Select +/-/PU/PD:Value F10:Save ESC:Exit F1:General Help		
F5:Previous Values F6:Optimized Defaults F7:Standard Defaults		

Reset Configuration Data

If you enable this item and restart the system, any Plug and Play configuration data stored in the BIOS Setup is cleared from memory.